

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their time and energy to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through involvement in diverse service venues; and

Whereas, Dr. John Marshall of Springfield has attained considerable distinction as the pastor of Second Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Dr. John Marshall selected a valued church member to begin working on the congregation's International Mission Board which assists individuals who are willing to go abroad as missionaries for two to three years; and

Whereas, International Mission Board experiences and the book The Church of Irresistible Influence led Dr. John Marshall and other leaders at Second Baptist Church to look for ways to better serve the people within the Springfield community; and

Whereas, the result of the search for a way to be a good neighbor and to contribute to society as a whole was the establishment of a loose-knit organization entitled The Church Action Projects of Springfield which maintains an office at Second Baptist Church, but is made up of volunteers from Baptist, Methodist, Assembly of God, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches; and

Whereas, The Church Action Projects of Springfield participants believe that they should improve society through a combination of volunteerism and prayer; and

Whereas, The Church Action Projects of Springfield met with small groups of Springfield community, business, education, and governmental leaders to determine what concrete steps the organization could take to help; and

Whereas, understanding the primacy of children in society, The Church Action Projects of Springfield volunteers have instituted a kindergarten through third grade tutoring program that has been enthusiastically embraced by the Springfield School District, which developed standardized materials and training to ensure the highest level of effectiveness in bringing children up to their proper grade level of performance:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long history of community involvement garnered by Dr. John Marshall at Second Baptist Church down through the years, to convey him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his leadership contributions with Church Action Projects of Springfield, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued community-oriented success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Pastor John Marshall of Second Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Denison
District No. 135

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker